

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 10th day of August, 1955, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 3:15 P.M. for the purpose of awarding a contract for paving Congress Avenue at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " instead of one inch, the city agreeing to pay for the intersection; postponing public hearing on Subdivision Policy regarding 3% interest; and instructing City Manager and City Attorney to contact banks about \$100,000 loan this year, and \$100,000 after October; and appointing a budget board.

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

(Sgd) Tom Miller
Mayor
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purpose therein stated.

(Sgd) Wesley Pearson

(Sgd) Emma Long

(Sgd) Ben White

(Sgd) Lester E. Palmer

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

August 10, 1955
3:15 P. M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

The Mayor announced that this meeting was called for the purpose of awarding contract for paving Congress Avenue with $1\frac{1}{2}$ " topping instead of one inch, the City agreeing to pay for the intersections; postponing hearing on Subdivision fiscal policy regarding to the section providing three percent interest; instructing the City Manager and City Attorney to contact banks about \$100,000 loan this year, and \$100,000 after October; and appointing a budget board, and other matters.

The Council requested that the City Manager get in touch with the Stacy heirs and tell them the City would like to have the two big posts removed; and if the heirs would like to have them, the City would deliver the post to them.

The Council went over the bids received on topping Congress Avenue from East 1st Street to 11th street, and decided to use an inch and a half topping instead of the one inch topping. Councilman Pearson moved that the City participate by paying for the intersections on Congress Avenue. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson moved that the bid of McKOWN & SONS of \$25,080 be accepted, and he be awarded the contract for the paving, using the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " topping and that the city pay for the intersections as its participation. The motion,

seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

The Mayor read the following resolution adopted by the AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS regarding the fiscal policies of the City:

"RESOLUTION

"THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS
CITY OF AUSTIN

"WHEREAS, on or about the 13th day of October, 1953, the City Council of the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, adopted an Ordinance regulating subdivisions in said City and a Resolution setting forth the fiscal policies as to costs of streets, drainage facilities, and utilities in such subdivisions;

"WHEREAS, the above actions were taken by the City Council only after a full year of study by the City administrative officials, interested subdividers, home builders and realtors, as well as a publicly designated citizens committee representing the interests of all citizens of Austin;

"WHEREAS, said policies have been in effect less than twenty-two months, and proper evaluation thereof cannot be based upon experience at this time;

"WHEREAS, proposals for change of the above fiscal policies are being considered without the basis of prolonged and informed study, without adequate experience considerations, and without consultation of all proper parties as to the appropriateness of such change;

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Austin Association of Home Builders and the Austin Real Estate Board:

"1. That no changes in the fiscal policies as to costs of streets, drainage, and utilities be made at this time by the City Council.

"2. That as a matter of present and future policy the City Council of the City of Austin go on record that no changes in such fiscal policies, or in the subdivision ordinance above mentioned shall be made until or unless full consideration by all interested groups and an independent committee representing the citizens of Austin shall have been made and recommendation thereon shall have been reported to the City Council.

"3. That the increased costs of developing new home sites, the encroachment on the City's natural growth areas by satellite municipal corporations, and the equitable division among all citizens of the cost of development and operation of the City's utility systems and subdivisions, make it imperative that a stable and reasonable set of programs be maintained until fullest study and experience clearly dictate necessary changes.

"PASSED AND APPROVED at regular meeting of the Austin Association of Home Builders this 8th day of August, 1955.

(Sgd) S. R. Sheppard
President

"PASSED AND APPROVED at regular meeting of the Austin Real Estate Board, this 9th day of August, 1955.

"(Sgd) Nelson Puett
President"

He reported on a meeting with some of the subdividers, and submitted figures on Refundable Contracts under the old plan. The Mayor stated his concern was the high rate of interest the City was paying. He suggested asking the subdividers to get their figures in and then calling a meeting within 30 or 40 days; also he suggested asking the subdividers to get their subdivisions together and get as many as they could on the tax roll. Councilman Long moved that the public hearing with the subdividers and any other interested parties be postponed until the Council receives the report from them, which it was hoped would be within a reasonable time. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Nees: None

The Mayor asked those who wished to instruct the City Manager and City Attorney to contact the banks and their attorneys and negotiate for a \$100,000 loan this year, and another \$100,000 loan after the first of October to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Nees: None

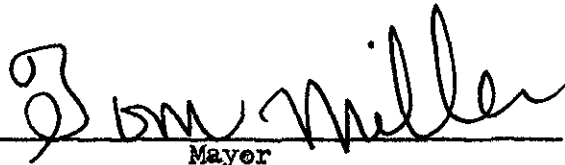
Mayor Miller suggested that some thought be given to providing eight policemen, and trying to work out the money appropriated for the completion of the jail from capital funds.

The Council named the following to serve on the Budget Board:

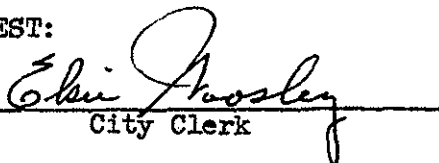
Honorable Guitem Morgan
Mr. Howard Cox
Mr. Vernen McGee
Honorable W. S. Drake, Jr.
Mr. L. J. Struhall

There being no further business the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk